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*RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1773.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

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SERIAL NO. : 09/960,487 : :

FILED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1773

FOR: WIRE FOR WELDING

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as indicated below. A marked-up copy is attached.

--1. (Three Times Amended) A welding wire comprising
a wire having a wire surface; and
a deposit on the wire surface, wherein
the deposit comprises
at least one lubricating particle, and

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